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177TH FIGHTER WING

A MEMORABLE PALM SUNDAY

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During the ORI I had the opportunity to serve and work with many fine Airmen. I worked in the hangar and was glad to be part of the overall process.

It was great to be around so many spirited Airmen who took such great pride in their work. On Sunday I was tasked to go to the Medical office to pick up palms. I didn't realize how much excitement/joy I would have in the next thirty minutes.

I picked up the palms with Sgt. Johnson, our Senior Chaplain Assistant (a very gifted briefer). When we were leaving the medical office we blessed the palms with some of the staff. Then we began our journey and along the way many Airmen requested palms.

It was then that I began to think about the role of the Chaplain.

During the ORI we are military officers sensitive to the needs of our Airmen. However, we are military ministers responding and caring about our Airmen. So on Palm Sunday I was doubly blessed to be with my Airmen and to minister them on Palm Sunday. We ministered through prayer and scripture with the medical staff in the hangar.

Then I was asked by one of our Jewish Airmen about the significance of Palm Sunday and I referred him to the scriptures from Mark 11, Verses 1-3, 7-9. And when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Beth'phage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives he sent two of his disciples and



said to them, go into the village opposite you and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it and many spread their garments on the road and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who follow crowd out "Hosanna blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!" God has blessed our command to receive an excellent grade during the ORI.

Today this Chaplain is thankful for the military ministry and the affiliation with the 177th Fighter Wing. Blessings upon you and your family during a well deserved summer season.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE WING COMMANDER

Hello All,

The warm weather is upon us once again and not soon enough! Since it's been two months since our last drill, allow me to catch everyone up on events. The good weather and getting the Operational Readiness Inspection completed has allowed us to get back to the business of generating sorties. Although we had no drill, May was a busy month for many of us. We had to support the Millville Air Show, four flybys, and several speeches/ceremonies. Thanks to all of you who volunteered your time. I especially was moved by the awesome flyby at Doyle Cemetery! It was nothing less than PERFECT and the Governor and The Adjutant General both made mention of how great it was. I also want to mention the Honor Guard for their outstanding professionalism at the flag folding ceremony at Mays Landing Park in the sweltering heat...great job!

With summer rapidly approaching, I want to first talk about one of my favorite subjects: SAFETY. It was a long winter and, if you're like me, you're excited about getting outdoors and having a good time. As you do outdoor activities, please keep safety in mind. Let me take a moment to reemphasize some areas from last year's Contrail: Traffic safety, alcohol awareness and drowning prevention. These are still all valid, so please take a minute to think about those areas and take precautions. Our unit and your family need all of you around.

If you remember back to last spring we had a Commander's Call, along with the winter Wingman Day, where we talked about psychological health and the shift in our culture to getting educated and being more understanding

of that area. The Guard has made good on that concept and I'm glad to say that we are in the process of hiring a Wing Director of Psychological Health (WDPH). This person will come onboard this summer and will be a permanent part of the unit and available to all.

In other events, Col. Michael Love has returned from Air War College and has resumed his position as the Mission Support Group Commander. Col. Marcus Quint is leaving this drill to go back to his airline job and will resume his position as the Vice Commander as a traditional unit member. A couple weeks ago we moved into our new Wing Headquarters building, which is where you can find Customer Service, Finance, and of course all the other Fighter Wing staff functions. I am trying again to see if we have enough support to resume Wing retirement parties on a semi-annual basis, with the first date set for the November drill. We'll put flyers out and see what the response is. This drill many will be busy preparing for our upcoming Red Flag Alaska deployment which will be next month. As a reminder, the July drill has been moved to coincide with the redeployment. That's it for now, have a good drill.

Have a safe and productive drill!

ROBERT C. BOLTON
Colonel, NJANG
Commander



Maj. Gen. Maria Falca-Dodson, addresses the Wing following the Operational Readiness Inspection team's briefing May 20. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Hecht)

The ORI

By Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177FW/PA



Personnel Superintendent Chief Master Sgt. George P. Gulya addresses a group of Airmen as they go through Personnel Deployment Function area. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark Olsen.

Personnel Superintendent Chief Master Sgt. George P. Gulya stares across the Personnel Deployment Function area.

The digital clock, large enough that it can be seen anywhere in the open hangar, counts down the time the chalk, or group, of departing Airmen must clear the PDF. The ability of the 177th Fighter Wing Personnel team to process them through the deployment line and on the bus will determine whether the Wing passes the Operational Readiness Inspection.

Judging by the expression on Gulya's face, he will personally stuff each of those Airmen on the bus to make that time.

Here we go again

December 2009: The last of the 6,000 plus sandbags, and legions of tents are put away. The Phase II Operational Readiness Inspection is over and the collective sigh of relief that went up across the base is surely audible to the people driving by on Tilton Road just outside the Wing's main gate.

Unfortunately, the Phase I portion of the inspection remains.

The political climate has not changed; if anything, with the economy suffering and the Department of Defense looking at major budgets cuts while fighting two separate wars, the situation has actually worsened.

Word is out: Units that fail inspections could see their mis-

sion cut, or their gates closed for good.

And with barely a pause for breath, the 177th begins preparing for the Phase I inspection.

The 3 P's – Planning, Preparing and Practicing

September 2010 drill: The first Operational Readiness Exercise – the training needed to get the Wing ready for the inspection – is being held and once more, the Wing is back in the exercise cycle.

The Air Combat Command inspectors will examine a variety of areas including the deploying personnel and their paperwork, the PDF, logistics, and aircraft generation and regeneration.

The first layout of the PDF – with all the routes for moving deploying Airmen through the processing lines using rope and snow fencing – looks like a Skinner Box used by psychologists to test rats. Halfway through the exercise, the Airmen are starting to feel a kinship with the rats.

The last time the Wing has gone through a Phase I Inspection was in 1996.

It shows.

Thankfully, we have time to prepare for the ORI and when endex is called, we realize we are going to need every last bit of it.

Wing members are sent to bases across the United States to observe other units go through their inspections – the idea

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Left: Weapons Loader Staff Sgt. Sheila Velez-Avila installs a Chaff Module used to counter act radar guided missiles. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark Olsen.

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is to learn their best practices, witness their mistakes and hope that our people catch it all.

The November exercise tests that new information; sometimes the ideas work, other times they don't. The layout of the PDF has changed again – this iteration is even more complicated than the September drill.

Between exercises, maintenance is going through their own hell putting in both days and nights fixing the F-16s.

A major part of the ORI involves “delivering” to the inspectors “perfect” aircraft – something that in the real world is often difficult to achieve. What is testing the crewchiefs and the maintainers' patience is that the Wing has just swapped out its aircraft for 18 “pre-loved”, as they say in the used car business, aircraft. And while these aircraft have more flying hours left on them, they also need a lot of wrench turning and sweat to get them to that “perfect” status.

As the rest of the base goes home at the end of the day, they pass the second maintenance shift coming in. Maintenance is not feeling a lot of love right now.

January sees another exercise testing processes and Airmen. The layout of the PDF has changed again – this iteration is even more Byzantine than the November drill. The realization is that what worked at other units will not necessarily work here.

The Wing leadership has another problem to deal with – exercise fatigue. The 177th

has been doing exercises in preparation for various inspections for almost two years; the worry is that these exercises might be having a negative effect on the Wing.

Add this to list of things to worry about.

The date of the ORI creeps closer.

Countdown

March drill is here and with it, another exercise. The ORI is scheduled for the third weekend in April.

The PDF is finally functioning the way it is supposed to – Airmen are moving through the deployment line – it is time consuming and for those going through it, the experience is excruciating. And while it is working, they still can't beat the clock.

Maintenance has achieved great things; the aircraft are in the best shape since they rolled off the General Dynamics assembly line. The

double shifts have paid off and maintenance feels the love. During the exercise, Maintenance generates aircraft; the pilots fly them to “Base X” – actually the Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center, next to the Atlantic City International Airport – where they are met by maintainers and weapons loaders who regenerate the aircraft with new weapons loads and maintenance.

The containers, which hold all the supplies that are taken to Base X, are a constant headache. There is a specific way these containers are to be packed; but what it all comes down to: No slippage is allowed. Cracking the code on how to properly load containers has become a consuming worry to everyone – one error and the inspection will end in disaster.

Despite these issues, everything is finally coming together,

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Troop Leader Lt. Col. Thor Himley directs his deploying Airmen as they leave the Personnel Deployment Function area. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark Olsen.

Senior Airman Nate Harris, positions his MJ-1 lift truck as a F-16 Fighting Falcon passes behind him. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen.

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the question is; will we pass the inspection.

Arrival

Thursday, April 14: The traditional Guardsmen arrive and are read into the final changes; last minute tweaking is done and the waiting begins.

Friday mid-morning, the Air Combat Command Inspection Team arrives.

The ORI

Saturday, April 16, dawns with clouds and rain due at noon. Everyone cringes – nearly every part of the inspection involves some outdoor activity. Maintenance, logistics and security will not be spared from the weather. By 2 o'clock it is raining.

On the flightline, the maintainers, crew chiefs and weapons loaders are busy preparing the aircraft for the inspectors.



Weapons Loader Staff Sgt. Sheila Y. Velez-Avila ducks underneath an F-16's tail to install a chaff module – the rain barely breaks her stride. Despite the rain, everyone remains focused; no one wants to do this again.

In the PDF, the chalk of deploying Airmen moves in. The group is a mix of maintainers, crew chiefs, weapons loaders and security forces troops. Each one gets wanded like they are going through an airport checkpoint.

Gulya is barely containing himself. Once the group has finished being wanded, they collect behind their troop leader F-16 Pilot Lt. Col. Thor A. Himley. Gulya steps in front of the microphone and in a rehearsed speech tells them what to expect as they go through the line.

Each Airman has a deployment folder that contains various pieces of paperwork. For the last eight months, these folders' contents have been the objects of continuous scrutiny: Each folder must be complete with no errors. During the course of going through the line each folder is inspected and is returned to the Airman until halfway through the process, the folders are surrendered and put in a box.

An inspector steps forward, takes the box and returns to his group where they begin reviewing each folder looking for errors.

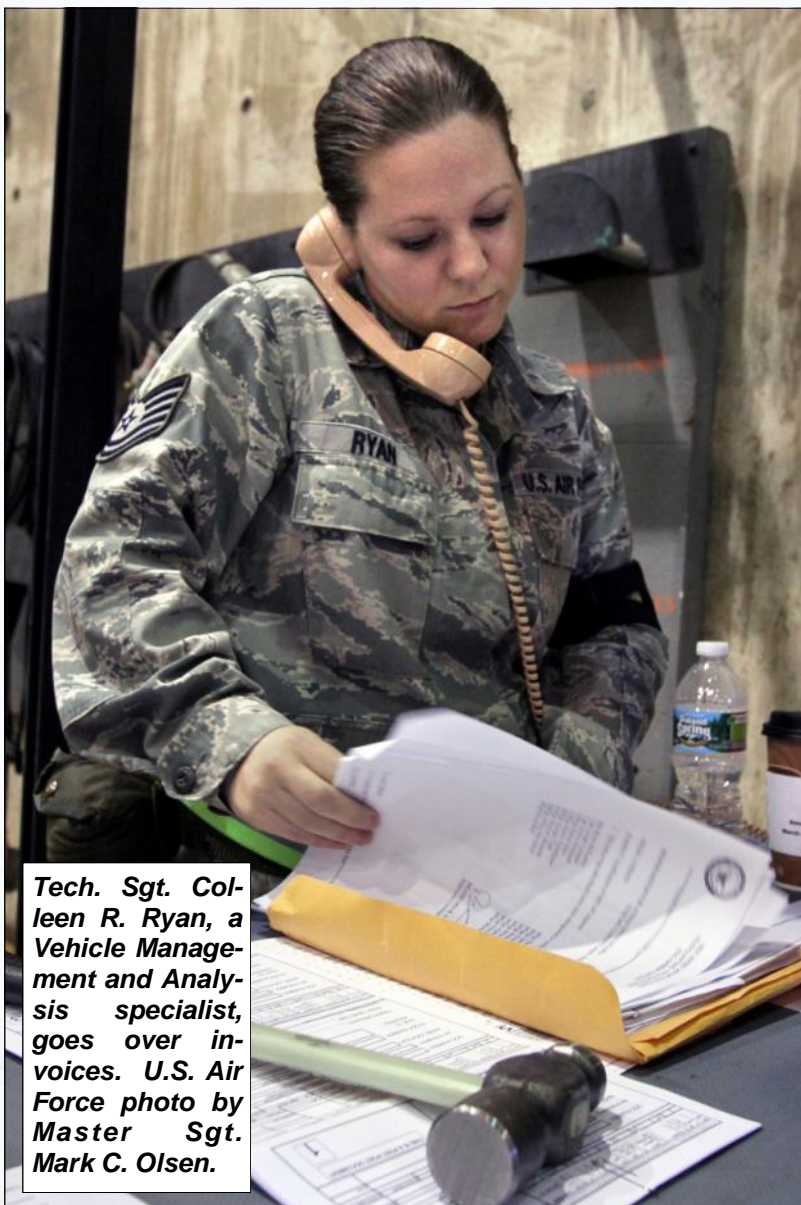
Before moving into the briefing area, each Airman meets with Himley who goes through their carry-on bag looking for any forbidden items. Once they pass the last hurdle, they get seated in the briefing area where they receive a series of timed presentations from various sections about what to expect when they deploy.

Public Health Technician Tech. Sgt. Jason T. Mell meets with Himley to go over the chalk's medical records. Himley then meets with the PDF Operations Officer Capt. David Russo who briefs him on the deployment manual while under the gaze of the inspectors. Russo gives Himley the binder.

Himley steps in front of the Airmen and announces that they are leaving. Each Airman has a number, the reason for this becomes apparent; there are four buses outside the hangar; the Airmen are divided into four groups and assigned to a group leader. As they rise and head out to the buses, Himley turns around and watches; everything is going smoothly.

More importantly, everything is on time.

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Tech. Sgt. Colleen R. Ryan, a Vehicle Management and Analysis specialist, goes over invoices. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen.

Lt. Col. Neal A. Snetsky flashes the Devil sign after landing his F-16 Fighting Falcon at "Base X". U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen.



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Gulya watches as the last Airman leaves the PDF. He finally cracks a smile.

Sunday, April 17, at Base X, the "deployed" maintainers, crew chiefs and weapons loaders check out tools, fuel their MJ-1 lift trucks, or "jammers" – the vehicles used to load weapons on F-16s – and prepare for the arrival of the aircraft.

In the cavernous FAA hangar, the Logistics Readiness Squadron sets up shop on a butcher block workbench in front of a cluster of containers.

Tech. Sgt. Colleen R. Ryan, a Vehicle Management and Analysis specialist, goes over a ream of invoices, which lists each container's contents. Next to her is a hammer that would make Thor proud.

An inspector arrives and begins tasking Logistics Costumer Service Representative Master Sgt Laura J. P. Moyer and her team with pulling specific items out of the containers. Moyer refers to the lists and directs her Airmen to the specific container. The inspector, who is recovering from knee surgery, gratefully accepts their help.

The F-16s arrive and taxi past the flightline crews, make a u-turn and pull into their parking spots. Each location has a white square with the Jersey Devil logo in black spray-painted on the tarmac marking the stopping point for the aircraft.

F-16 pilot Lt. Col. Neal A. Snetsky taxis past and flashes the devil horn symbols. All the aircraft have arrived.

The aircraft park, the crews begin loading weapons and making their final checks before turning the aircraft over to the inspection teams.

The results

Wednesday, April 20.

Everyone files in the main hangar; all evidence that the PDF was there is gone. The Wing is joined by the New Jersey Air National Guard leadership. So much hinges on this inspection and solidarity is shown from the top down.

The IG grades the inspection Outstanding, Excellent, Satisfactory, Marginal or Unsatisfactory. Satisfactory is passing but it is also like getting a C.

The ACC inspector begins by making a joke.

"You got a Sat."

The joke falls flat; crickets chirp.

He recovers and says the Wing got an

Excellent. He then breaks the inspection down hitting the high-lights.

The list of sections receiving an Outstanding rating is long: Aircraft Generation is outstanding with all deploying aircraft generated, the Crisis Action Team and the Wing Command Post demonstrated Outstanding command and control procedures and Accountable Equipment got an Outstanding with the equipment custodians noted as superb; in addition, not only was Munitions Activities Outstanding, the Inspectors said they were one of the best seen in the Air Force. Intelligence Command and Control is also Outstanding and is considered a model program – this means that other units should consider copying their processes.

The Anti Terrorism Office receives praise for integrating outside agencies into the ORI/deployment process – a concept that had never previously been considered.

Both Senior Master Sgt. Jeanette K. Giza from Personnel and Staff Sgt. Guy R. Beaulieu from Services are coined by the IG chief master sergeant for their work integrating the student flight Airmen into the ORI process – this is the first time this had been done by a unit. It was also the first time the chief had ever coined anyone in his career.

The list goes on; the Inspectors identified 45 individual superior performers and 13 superior performer teams.

Overall, an incredible Team Effort, states the Inspector. And another sigh of relief is heard along Tilton Road. 🇺🇸



Airmen of the 177th applaud as they hear the news that the Wing received an Excellent on the inspection. U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Hecht.

Vets visit 177th

U.S. Air Force photos by Master Sgt. Andrew Moseley, 177FW/PA

Members of the Four Seasons Veteran's Club pose in front of the flight line on May 25.



Staff Sgt. Joseph Searle, a member of the 119th Fighter Squadron Life Support section, briefs the veterans on the types of survival gear pilots take with them while flying (left). Lt. Col. Brad Everman, 119th Fighter Squadron Commander, arrived to surprise Searle with a re-enlistment (below).





News Airmen Can Use



Vacancies at the 177th

From the 177th Force Support Squadron

The 177th Fighter Wing has numerous openings in both its enlisted and officer ranks.

Currently the Wing has forecasted three officer openings – security forces operations officer, executive officer and aircraft maintenance officer. Contact Lt. Col. Ronald Williamson at extension 6213 for more information on the officer application process.

On the enlisted side there are several full-time openings including sheet metal mechanic, electronics mechanic supervisor, aircraft mechanic leader, information technology specialist, machinist, architect/engineer, joint terminal attack controller/tactical air control party and finally explosive ordnance technician.

For more information about full-time vacancies go to www.state.nj.us/military/vacancy/index.html or call Airman 1st Class Kristina Reinhard at extension 6209.

There are also openings for traditional Guardsmen in tactical air control party, integrated avionics systems, aerospace ground equipment, aircraft electrical and environmental, fuels and petroleum oil and lubricants; logistics plans, vehicle equipment maintenance, munitions, armaments, structural, contracting and a safety specialist. Contact Master Sgt. Christina Vidro at extension 6217 for information about any of these positions.

Courses available for online personnel center

The “vPC-GR Basics” electronic Learning Tool (eLT) is available for Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members.

A series of web-based interactive courses is being developed, which gives users an overview of the virtual Personnel Center – Guard & Reserve (vPC-GR). It shows how to establish an account, use the dashboard, and manage action requests/work. The vPC-GR provides the ANG and AFR online services for submitting personnel action requests, coordinating requests and managing cases.

The eLT is available via the Advanced Distributed Learning Service website at <https://golearn.csd.disa.mil>. View it by going to the “Course List” page, where it is found under the “Miscellaneous” category.

Any questions or comments on the course should be directed to Alison Dougherty, NGB/A1XT, e-mail: alison.dougherty@ang.af.mil

SFRC Increases grants

The New Jersey National Guard State Family Readiness Council has increased the amounts of family and business grants up to \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Both are what are known as TIER I grants. TIER II family grants are also available to Guard non-deployed service members who were on State Active Duty or State Missions (e.g., hurricanes, floods, border missions) for more than 20 consecutive days. Those who meet these criteria can apply for a financial hardship grant up to \$1,500.

Applications are available at all New Jersey Army and Air National Guard Family Assistance Centers. Contact Jean Perry if you are interested in applying at (609) 645-6248.

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New Jersey National Guard

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Thursday, 16 June 2011 ~ 1130 - 1530 hrs
New Jersey National Guard Joint Force Headquarters
3650 Saylor's Pond Road ~ Fort Dix, New Jersey

*Come celebrate our ethnic, cultural, and organizational diversity through
Food Sampling ~ Live & Cultural Entertainment ~ Music ~ Giveaways ~ Educational Displays ~ Contests*

Join us in fun activities and community service projects!



**Onsite
Registration**
0730 - 0830 hrs

**Fun Walk/Run
Onsite
Registration**
0830 - 1000 hrs

**Blood Drive & Bone Marrow
Registration**
Rear of JFHQ
1000 - 1500 hrs

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Taggart chosen top First Sergeant

By Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen
DMAVA Public Affairs



Combat seems to forge exceptional Non-Commissioned Officers at the 177th Fighter Wing.

For the second time in four years, a 177th First Sergeant was chosen as the Air National Guard's First Sergeant of the Year. And like the previous recipient – Master Sgt. Daniel Mitchell Jr. – was also with the 177th Security Forces and had also served in Afghanistan.

Yet nearly a year ago, awards and honors were the furthest things from Master Sgt. Christopher R. Taggart's mind.

As the 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron First Sergeant, Taggart had been dealing with various types of issues, ranging from handling emergency leave requests, to managing the convoy operations for a visit between President Barack Obama and Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

Two months into his tour at Bagram Airfield, all those details and issues faded into the background.

On the morning of May 19, 2010, Taggart found himself in the middle of a major coordinated attack by insurgents.

The attack began like most others, with indirect fire – rocket propelled grenades and mortars, which quickly escalated into small arms fire with the insurgents attacking various points of the base's perimeter.

While under enemy fire, Taggart transported more than 200 Airmen to the fight. In the ensuing hours, Taggart led a group of Airmen in transporting nine armored vehicles to the base defenders.

"Taggart's quick and decisive actions were instrumental in eliminating enemy forces and defending the base," said Maj. Jan J. Burgess, Taggart's Security Forces Commander at the 177th Fighter Wing.

For 13 hours after the attack, Taggart stayed on duty moving food and water to 106 Security Forces posts to sustain operations.

Lt. Gen. Gilmory M. Hostage III, the commander of United States Air Force Central Command would later assess the assault as "the largest attack on an Air Force defended base in 40 years."

The 455th Expeditionary Security Force Squadron was named Air Force Central Command's 2010 Outstanding Large Expeditionary Security Forces Unit.

Taggart received a Meritorious Service Medal for his role as the 455th's First Sergeant.

It did not end there.

It almost seems fitting that the last 177th First Sergeant to be chosen as the ANG's First Sergeant put together the package nominating Taggart for the prestigious 2011 Air National Guard Outstanding Airmen, First Sergeant and Honor Guard of the Year Award – quite an honor considering he was competing against first sergeants from every unit in the United States and its possessions.

On April 22, Lt. Gen. Harry A. Wyatt III, Director of the Air National Guard, announced the awardees – Taggart had been chosen.

"These Air National Guard outstanding Airmen epitomize the concept of 'Citizen Airmen' and are role models for peers and subordinates alike," said Wyatt.

Taggart, who is a detective with the Pleasantville Police Department, will now go on to compete against his active-duty and reserve counterparts for the Air Force First Sergeant of the Year Award. 🇺🇸

JERSEY DEVILS IN THE NEWS



Diaz gets top award

Master Sgt. David Diaz, center, receives the National Recruiting Office Supervisor of the Year for fiscal year 2010 – the top award a recruiting office supervisor can receive – from Col. Mary Alice Salcido, left, Director, Air National Guard Recruiting and Retention and Chief Master Sgt. Denise Jelinski-Hall, National Guard Bureau, at the Recruiting and Retention Workshop in Orlando, Fla., March 29. Diaz's accomplishments as recruiting office supervisor include achieving 140 percent of their assigned office goal for FY 10 with 98 percent of this goal being critical Air Force Specialty Codes which increased the 177th's effective manning by 8.2 percent. He also worked with two production recruiters to achieve over 180 percent of goal for the third consecutive year, and finally during the first quarter of FY 10 the office received award for the Wing with the Highest Average Accessions and the Wing with most Critical Accessions; in the third quarter the office again received the same awards. U.S. Air Force photo.

More projects

Engineers assistant Staff Sgt. Mark Brisson, right, of the 177th Civil Engineering Squadron assigned to the 386th Expeditionary CES, talks with Sam Cutler, the airfield manager with the 386th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, about continuing airfield construction projects. U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Patrice Clarke.



THE 100 DAYS OF SUMMER ARE HERE—DRIVE SAFE



JUNE

2011

Fly the flag, foster pride, be fair and inclusive in all your actions

- ✓ Review your awards and decorations program
- ✓ Check the diversity website for suggested reading
- ✓ Include diversity messages in monthly newsletters

*We have an American problem.
It can only be solved by all
Americans working together...
I want you to find strength in
your diversity.*

- Colin Powell

Retreat Schedule

Retreat will be held at 4 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday of the drill. The 177th Civil Engineering Squadron will conduct the June Retreat and the Air Support Operations Squadron will perform the July ceremony.

JERSEY DEVILS IN THE NEWS



LEWIS TAKES FLIGHT

Master Sgt. Samuel Lewis, Delaware Air National Guard, gets a ride in a 177th F-16D Fighting Falcon. Lewis helped the 177th Fighter Wing in the Cargo Deployment Function during the Operational Readiness Inspection. U.S. Air Force Photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Moseley.



MARTINELLI RETIRES

Senior Master Sgt. Emil Martinelli (right) receives a plaque from Master Sgt. Chris Mock (left) on May 27. Martinelli was honored for his years of service working as the Non Commissioned Officer in Charge of the 177th Alert site. U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Hecht.

Airmen Receive Coins

Maj. Gen. Maria Falca-Dodson, Commander, New Jersey Air National Guard, right, along with New Jersey State Command Chief Master Sgt. Mike Francis, left, and Col. Robert C. Bolton, 177th Fighter Wing Commander, center, speak to Airmen of the 177th on May 17. The Airmen were being recognized for exceptional performance during the 177th Fighter Wing's Phase I Operational Readiness Exercise on April 16-17. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Moseley.



ORI TOP PERFORMERS

TEAM TOP PERFORMERS

Aircraft Maintenance Tiger Team
Cargo Deployment Function Joint
Inspection Team
Cargo Deployment Function Quick Fix
Team
Command Post Team
Equipment Accountability Team
Force Health Management Team
Information Operations Team

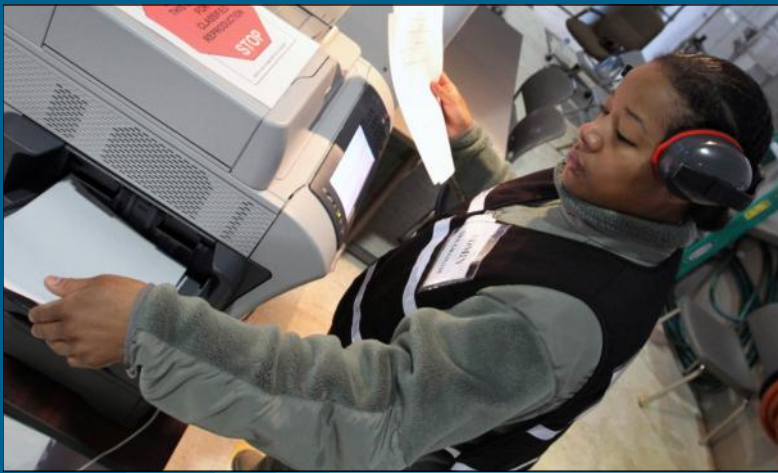
Intelligence Team
Material Management Special Handling
Team
Munitions Assembly Conveyor Bomb
Build Crew
Personnel Deployment Function
Administration Team
Personnel Deployment Function
Eligibility Team

INDIVIDUAL TOP PERFORMERS

Maj. Wendy L. Cordrey
Maj. Michelle L. Stein
Capt. Richard L. Defeo
Capt. Joseph Leonard
Master Sgt. Tulip A.
Appleton
Master Sgt. Dean B.
Burlew
Master Sgt. David M. Burr
Master Sgt. Thomas R.
Capito
Master Sgt. Michael J.
Hodsdon
Master Sgt. Alphonso J.
Hughes
Master Sgt. Patricia M.
Hughes
Master Sgt. Robert W.
Lerner
Master Sgt. Andrew T.
Matejek
Master Sgt. Christopher G.
Mock
Master Sgt. Jeffrey S.
Owens
Master Sgt. Ron C. Paulin

Master Sgt. Michael J.
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Master Sgt. Francis A.
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Master Sgt. Alexander
Trombetta
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D'Agostino
Tech. Sgt. Roger D. Dallett
Tech. Sgt. Michael V.
Ferreri
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Tech. Sgt. Lauren A.
Humphrey
Tech. Sgt. Kara L.
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McDevitt
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